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• (James 1:13-15 NIV) When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; (14) but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. (15) Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.
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God Is Not The Source Of Temptation

• He Cannot Be Tempted By Evil

• He Does Not Tempt Anyone
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Why God Doesn’t Alleviate Temptation:

• He Wants Us To Grow And Mature
• He Wants Us To Be Strong
• He Wants Us To Be Overcomers
• He Wants Us To Succeed Not Fail
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Temptation Comes From Within (V.14)

• He Is Tempted By His Own Evil Desire
• He Is Dragged Away
• He Is Enticed
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Desire Can Conceive (V. 15)

- Desire Gives Birth To Sin
- Sin Gives Birth To Death
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- Jesus Christ Overcame Temptation
- To Be Like Christ We Overcome Temptation
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Temptation Perspectives:

• The Devil: A Means To Seduce And Entice Us To Sin

• God: Allows Temptation To Test Us
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• **WARNING:** You Will Be Tempted
How We Will Be Tempted:

A. Immediately After Big Victories

B. Victory Is Temporary; Temptation Will Return
   - Jesus Had To Face Other Temptations
     - Peter
     - Gethsemene
   - Heb 4:15 (NIV) "For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are--yet was without sin."
How We Will Be Tempted:

- In The Area Of Our Strengths

- To Use Selfishly What God Has Given Us
How We Will Be Tempted:

- From People, Places & Things

- (Prov 1:10 NIV) My son, if sinners entice you, do not give in to them.

- (Prov 4:14 NIV) Do not set foot on the path of the wicked or walk in the way of evil men.
How We Will Be Tempted:

• From Those Who Love You

• (1 Ki 11:4 NIV) As Solomon grew old, his wives turned his heart after other gods, and his heart was not fully devoted to the LORD his God, as the heart of David his father had been.

• Mat 10:36 (NIV) "a man's enemies will be the members of his own household."
How We Will Be Tempted:

• **Through Peer Pressure:**
  
  (Rom 6:13 NIV) Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness.

• (2 Pet 3:17 NIV) Therefore, dear friends, since you already know this, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of lawless men and fall from your secure position.
How We Will Be Tempted:

• Temptation From Within:

• James 1:14 (NIV) "but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed."
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Great Challenges:

1. Materialism
2. Pride
3. Self-centeredness
4. Laziness
5. Anger
6. Bitterness
7. (Tie) Sexual lust
8. Envy
9. Gluttony
10. Lying
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Temptations Are More Potent:

- When Neglecting Time With God (81%)
- When Physically Tired (57%)
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Resisting Temptation Was Accomplished:

• By Prayer (84%)
• By Avoiding Compromising Situations (76 %)
• Through Bible Study (66 %)
• By Being Accountable To Someone (52 %)
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- Resolve To Be Pure
- Resist Temptation
- Rely On God's Strength
- Run From The Source Of Temptation
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• (1 Cor 10:13 NIV) No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

• Escape Is Found In God

• God Promises Victory In Battle
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1. Do Not Minimize Your Sin’s Seriousness
2. Ask For And Accept God's Forgiveness
3. God Has Forgiven You -- Forgive Your Self
4. Start Over